

1. An isolated DNA encoding the enzyme I-SceI, wherein the DNA has the nucleotide sequence:

2. DNA comprising the nucleotide sequence as claimed in claim 1 operatively linked to a promoter.

3. An isolated RNA sequence complementary to the nucleotide sequence of claim 1.

4. RNA complementary to the nucleotide sequence of claim 2.

5. A vehicle comprising a vector containing the nucleotide sequence as claimed in claim 1.

6. The vehicle as claimed in claim 5, wherein the vector is an SV-40 vector.

7. The vehicle as claimed in claim 5, wherein the vector is plasmid pSVOAL.

8. The vehicle as claimed in claim 5 having the identifying characteristics of the vector having culture collection accession number C.N.C.M. I-1014.

9. The vehicle as claimed in claim 5, wherein the vector is an expression vector.

10. A method of genetically mapping a eukaryotic genome that does not contain a natural restriction site for I-SceI, comprising the steps of:

(a) artificially inserting one or more I-SceI sites at various positions in the genome;

(b) completely cleaving said genome at the inserted I-SceI sites, with the restriction enzyme I-SceI, to produce nested chromosomal fragments;

(c) purifying said fragments of step (b) by pulsed field gel electrophoresis (PFG);

(d) transferring the fragments to a solid membrane;

(e) hybridizing the fragments bound to said membrane to a labelled probe containing DNA complementary to said fragments;

19. A method for *in vivo* site directed genetic recombination in an organism using enzyme I-SceI, comprising the steps of:

(a) introducing a synthetic gene encoding the I-SceI endonuclease into an expression vector;

(b) inserting a I-SceI restriction site next to or within a gene of interest carried on a plasmid;

(c) co-transforming the cells of said organism with said expression vector of step (a) and said plasmid of step (b), whereby said gene of interest, carried by said plasmid of step (b), is inserted into a chromosome of said organism at a specific site.

20. The method of claim 19, wherein said organism is yeast.

21. The method of claim 19, wherein said organism is bacteria.

22. The method of claim 19, wherein said organism is mouse.

23. The method of claim 19, wherein said synthetic gene of step (a) is under the control of a galactose inducible promoter.

24. The method of claim 23, wherein said expression vector is plasmid pPEX408.

25. The method of claim 23, wherein said expression vector is plasmid pPEX7.

26. A method of genetically mapping a genome that does not contain a natural restriction site for I-SceI, comprising the steps of:

(a) artificially inserting one or more I-SceI sites at various positions in the genome;

(b) completely cleaving said genome at the inserted I-SceI sites, with the restriction enzyme I-SceI, to produce nested chromosomal fragments;

(c) purifying said fragments of step (b); and

(d) mapping said eukaryotic genome by detecting said fragments.

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